

Dear Oliver,

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Thanks for your card. I'll wait a few days before getting the Akai near here. The price is the same as your discount stores out there and if there is a need for service I should be able to get it where I'd buy it. Of course if you can save me anything on it, that would make a difference. Just so I have it by the time the assassins committee starts up its hearings again. For that I do want reel-to-reel because I get interrupted and can't turn or change cassettes.

If you can save me some money on reels of tape after I get it I'd appreciate that, too. I've just had what for me is a major expenditure and there is little free cash. I suppose it comes in cartons like the cassettes do for volume sales.

Policoff will make and send me copies. He didn't remember your asking him. I'd like to go over it as soon as possible because the hearings are coming up and every so often I have much more work that has deadlines. They could prevent careful examination when I'm into them.

I really think that everyone involved would be well advised to expect a hard time. The committee has little choice. All it has so far is prejudice against Jimmy. That really is not evidence about the crime, even if he lied. So they'll hoke up a conspiracy deal, most likely involving the family, maybe with the Stoner people too, and hope that by this their report will escape careful examination. They'll be able to arrange for a clear publicity break on what they say.

They leaked a story indicating this to the Post-Dispatch. All indications are they'll try to weave the Byers story into it, especially with Kaufman and Sutherland safely dead.

Maybe they'll try to forget all about you. I think they'd prefer to but they may not be able to. They may want to use you as a witness and run the risks.

I understand they've had Spika in executive session.

They've been holding executive sessions. I don't know but guess all or most are on the Rays.

Thanks and best wishes.